

BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

South Area Council Meeting:

17th June 2016

Report of South Area Council Manager.

South Area Council update on future commissions for 2015/16 and 2016/17 and possible use of existing Area Council underspend

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present an update on the development of a range of South Area Council projects agreed in principle on 23rd October 2015
- 1.2 To present an update on the amount of unallocated Area Council funding remaining and the situation regarding the potential development of 'in year' projects during 2016/17
- 1.3 To seek approval for the funding of two small projects identified by young people as part of the Youth Asset Mapping process commissioned by the South Area Council.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That members note the progress of projects under development as outlined in Section 3 of this report

2.2 That members note the amount of South Area Council funding unallocated to date as outlined in Section 4 of this report

2.3 That members consider and approve the funding of the youth projects outlined in Section 5.3 of this report from South Area Council unallocated spend

2.4 That members approve further exploration of the collaborative project idea outlined in Section 5.4 of this report

3. Background & progress to date

3.1 At its meeting on 23rd October 2015, the South Area Council agreed to fund the development of a number of small projects. Subsequent to this, at its meeting on 22nd April 2016, the South Area Council approved the funding of a Private Sector Housing Management project and also agreed amendments to the projects under development by South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue. The progress of each project is outlined in the table below:

Project	Confirmed costs and progress to date
Provision of 100 x A3 signs 'This area is maintained by volunteers' for clean-up sites	£375 from Taylor Made signs. Locations at local hotspots were agreed by Tidy Team Steering Group on 14 th April and Tidy Team are erecting throughout May and June

<p>Youth Asset Mapping Events to be delivered by the Forge Community Partnership's existing Youth Partnership & Digital Media Club</p>	<p>£5,000 to provide an Asset Mapping event & online survey to be led by local young people supported by Forge workers. Online survey now completed with 1500 young people taking part. Mapping Event held at Netherwood with local primary schools on 24th May Full results to be presented to South Area Council on 17th June 2016</p>
<p>Delivery of Health Asset Mapping Conference to be organised by South Area Team in conjunction with Be Well Barnsley Team from Public Health</p>	<p>£1,000 to include full buffet lunch & venue costs. Event will be held at Rockingham Centre on 16th June – all members should have received an invitation. Invites sent to over 150 community group & Ward Alliance members, practitioners & councillors – currently have 40 booked on, but hoping for more once ring round completed.</p>
<p>Provision of Fire Cadet scheme for young people by South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service</p> <p>Provision of 2 x one week Achieving Respect & Confidence (ARC) courses for 14 x young people at risk of offending delivered by South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service</p>	<p>£12,157.81 per year for 16 Cadets meeting 39 times per year</p> <p>Advice from SYFR and Integrated Youth Support Service staff is that there is insufficient time to set up a Cadet Scheme before the funding finishes. This will not run and South Area Council agreed to fund an additional ARC course as below as an alternative.</p> <p>£5,000 per 1 week course – total of £10,000 Course 1 will run week commencing 13th June at Central Fire Station. Course 2 will run early October 2016. Young people currently being identified by Integrated Youth Support Service staff through schools, based on those at greatest risk of offending/involvement in anti-social behaviour.</p>
<p>Social Return On Investment Analysis for remaining South Area Council projects & delivery of SROI analysis training for members of South Area Council & South Area Team</p>	<p>Cost of full training + analyses of other South Area Council Projects by Rocket Science = £2,975 The training for members of South Area Council & South Area Team will run on Friday 2nd September at 1.30 after the Area Council meeting.</p>

Private Sector Housing Management Post – full time post to tackle issues within private sector housing sector, working with landlords & tenants using both supportive & enforcement approaches	£32,000 for one year FTE including all on costs South Area Council Manager has produced a delegated powers report to allow this post to be recruited to. It has been signed off by the Acting Executive Director & is now awaiting sign off by HR. Once approved, the post will be advertised with a view to having someone in post by September 2016
<p>Lifeskills Programme for Young People</p> <p>This short programme to take place during the summer holidays in 2016 is being developed by Charlotte Agnew of the Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) & Jola Walker of Berneslai Homes.</p> <p>The proposal will run ‘twilight’ sessions to combat times of highest anti-social behaviour & will offer workshop on a range of skills requested by young people, including basic DIY, paying bills & managing money etc.</p>	<p>The South Area Council agreed to fund this programme to the tune of £2,000 to match the amount already committed by Berneslai Homes.</p> <p>A draft programme (now renamed ‘Urban Survival’ by the young people who devised the idea) is attached at Appendix 1</p>
Total costs	£53,350.00

4. South Area Council unallocated funds – options for future spend during 2015/16 and 2016/17 & update on carry forward into 2017/18

4.1 Having approved all of the projects outlined in Section 3.1 of this report, the South Area Council currently retains **£17,962** of its 2016/17 budget unallocated. This figure includes the income generated by the Environmental Enforcement contract through fines for parking, dog fouling and littering up to the date of the April Area Council meeting.

4.2 In addition, since the figures published in the April Performance Management report, the Environmental Enforcement contract has generated a further **£2,232.50** from fines, raising the unallocated budget figure to **£20,194.50**

4.3 As previously reported, Area Council Managers have received guidance from BMBC Finance that any projects developed this year and their associated spend **can be carried forward into the 2017/18 financial year**. For example, this enables the South Area Council to fund the Private Sector Housing Management contract for a full year, even though the project will not start until August/September and will run well into the 2017/18 financial year.

4.4 The Area Council Managers have been advised that this will still be the case regardless of whether Area Council funding is continued beyond April 2017, since it will come from an earlier budget. However, **the same assurances have not been given for unallocated funding**.

4.5 At the meeting of the South Area Council on 22nd April 2016, it was decided that the remaining funds would be committed largely to Highways/Environmental

schemes to be discussed in more detail at a workshop following the Area Council meeting on 17th June 2016.

4.6 In addition, it was agreed that the unallocated funding could also be used to fund any small youth projects identified through the Youth Asset Mapping process, the findings of which will be presented to the South Council on 17th June 2016.

5. Young People's projects identified through the Youth Asset Mapping Process

5.1 In October 2015, the South Area Council commissioned Forge Community Partnership to undertake a Youth Asset Mapping exercise, where young people would be enabled to explore what they need to help them develop as young people & citizens of the future. This was done through an extensive online survey & a large mapping event held at Netherwood School and the results will be presented to the South Area Council on 17th June 2016.

5.2 The young people had many excellent ideas which are presented in the report. There are two small scale ideas which could be developed alongside young people in the very near future, to avoid losing momentum with the new young volunteers who have already agreed to help. There is also a longer term project around young people's mental health which would require collaboration with a number of other partners in order to take it forward. These ideas are outlined in Sections 5.3 & 5.4 below.

5.3 The following ideas could be taken forward in the short-medium term. More detail will be provided about the background to each project in the presentation from Forge Community Partnership at the Area Council meeting on 17th June 2016 and in the full accompanying report attached at Appendix 2:

Project idea	Outline costs
<p>Social media project designed & managed by young people for young people – could start July 2016 & continue through summer holidays</p> <p>The project would be run by young people supported by paid workers and would tie in with the existing Digital Club run by Forge Community Partnership. It would bring in new volunteers who came forward at the event and work with the three existing Neighbourhood Networks to produce a 'Young People Friendly' Facebook site on which to promote activities & events for young people in the area, which could be linked into available networks.</p> <p>Two Y10 young people at Netherwood School have volunteered to take the lead on setting up the site, and have offered to remain in the longer term to maintain and update the site once established. It is hoped that they will be able to 'train up' younger members of the Digital Club to help.</p>	<p>£2,000 to cover staffing costs for one year</p>
<p>'Pop-up' events in Parks during October half term holidays, using paid staff working alongside adult and young volunteers & college/university students on placement to deliver a range of activities around identified by young people as part of the Asset Mapping process, including:</p>	<p>£2,500 to provide staffing & equipment costs for one 'pop up' day per ward during October half term</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports & fitness • Health & wellbeing, including building confidence & self esteem • Healthy cooking & eating <p>This will provide opportunities for older young people to acquire mentoring skills, enable inter-generational work within the four main areas (using Wombwell Park, Darfield Park, Elsecar Park & King George Playing Fields at Hoyland Common) and offer an opportunity for young people to learn about healthy lifestyles, work in teams and gain confidence in themselves.</p> <p>The project could also act as a pilot for the future development of 'pop-up' activities within parks across the borough.</p>	
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5.4 Young people taking part in the Asset Mapping process also identified another need which could be met through local project development, but this is a larger scheme which would require partners like the Health & Wellbeing Board/ Clinical Commissioning Group to fund and help development.

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<p>To develop an informal 'mental health support' drop in project away from school premises, where young people could speak confidentially to volunteers (aged 18+) about issues troubling them over a cup of tea without the need for formal counselling sessions/therapy for most people – although referrals could be made if someone needs higher level help.</p> <p>The young people felt the need for a safe and informal space with an opportunity to speak to adults who were not their parents or teachers could help to intervene at an early stage – they were not talking about a peer mentoring scheme.</p> <p>They were also keen to become involved in the setup and running of such a project, alongside adults.</p>	<p>Not known – would need further exploration. Likely to be reasonably substantial due to staffing costs to develop & run the project alongside young people</p>

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Draft Programme for 'Urban Survival' programme
Appendix 2 Forge Community Partnership Youth Asset Mapping report